

Weekly Word

7.5.2021

To all Parents/Carers,

Despite all the amazing learning that has taken place since Tuesday, both inside and outside of the classroom, I need to start by addressing a few common concerns and questions that have arisen over the last couple of days.

Sadly we have had to close two bubbles this week following positive test cases and we hope everyone affected makes a speedy recovery.

I want to say how proud I am of all the children for showing resilience and kicking into gear with their home learning. And to parents/carers as well, thank you for your continued patience and understanding with what continues to be a very challenging situation. Further time away from school is not what any of us want and we already are looking forward to the children coming back. The last few months have been fantastic with all the children in their classrooms.

When we first asked all teaching and non-teaching staff to test twice a week back at the beginning of March and families were able to access lateral flow tests for free there was a fair assumption that further positive test cases and bubble closures would follow. In fact, the opposite happened and there were no reported cases up until this week. This is testament to the continued efforts of the entire school community and the rules we continue to follow.

With this in mind, please make sure you have a good read of the parentmail we sent out yesterday regarding lateral flow tests and self-isolation. The office received a high volume of calls yesterday about this and whether a negative lateral flow test meant their child could 'break' self-isolation. The simple answer is no, a negative PCR or LFT result does not break self-isolation. This is not a school rule or a Local Authority rule, this is still taken from the NHS website. However, if this does change, we will make sure you are the first to know and send out further lines of communications.

And finally, on a separate note, I met with the new PTFA on Wednesday evening and they said they had already raised over £2000. Considering all the events we would normally host throughout the year have been postponed this is nothing short of incredible!!

As always, if you would like to help out or volunteer at some of the upcoming events then please get in touch with them. Being involved with the PTFA doesn't always mean having a role as such, sometimes it can just be a case of lending a hand at the Christmas Fair or helping out behind the bar (which we never seem to be short of volunteers for!!).

Two more bids have gone out today as well – one for the National Lottery and one for Screwfix. We will keep our fingers crossed for both with all monies (including those raised by the PTFA) going towards the new COMMUNITY Hub.

Have a lovely weekend
Mr I. Johnson

